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"Popular University of Gaza" on the
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What would you bring to a cookout?

Lentils, rice, hummus and organic garlic bread.
— Julianano Sanchez, #174

Charcoal or a soccer ball. Or both.
— Jim Clark, #139

Water.
— Roberto Isla Caballero, #347

Ribs.
— Shawn Swoffer, #574

Potato salad.
— Wayne Sparks, #615

Probably some beef ribs and watermelon!
— Pony Bush, #305

Barbecue ribs, mac 'n' cheese and corn.
— Derek Allen, #177

An appetite!
— Ken Parks, #490

Barbecue sauce — good for vegans, vegetarians and meat eaters!
— Monte Smith, #487

Whatever is needed. Soda, chips, potato salad, hot dogs and buns are the classics.
— Hosea' Hill, #532

Vienna sausages and crackers.
— Denise Shearer, #485

Macaroni and cheese.
— Joe Woods, #103

On a hot day? Cold water!
— Mike Jones, #113

People. Me, myself and I.
— Tony Schohl, #9

Visit the Peony Gardens for some fun in the sun!



CINDY GERE
Groundcover vendor No. 279

I love every year walking through the wonderful W.E. Upjohn Peony

Garden at the Nichols Arboretum (what I like to call Peonies Park)! I start in the woods on the Washington Heights entrance. With my love for dogs, I am often happy to run into many on their daily walks. As we make our way through the bushes, we come out onto a vista overlooking the rest of the Arboretum.

As I wander through the woods, I come out onto the back end of the peony park where I often see wedding parties taking pictures of the brides walking down between



the flowers in their big fluffy wedding dresses. Professional and amateur photographers are often there as well, taking many pictures. But what I find so much fun is the number of people who come to admire the peonies for the brief time they are in full bloom. So between April and May this is a fun event for friends and family — a day in the park and fun in the sun!

People's Food Co-op annual meeting discusses A2 development goals

SCOOP STEVENS
Groundcover contributor

On April 16 the People's Food Co-op had its annual meeting at the Downtown Ann Arbor Public Library and it started with a 45-minute panel discussion. PFC Vice President Conner Levy started the discussion by stating that the primary objective of the PFC downtown development plan was food justice and food accessibility.

Ann Arbor City officials who participated in the panel discussion were Lisa Disch (City Council member), Maura Thompson (Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority) and Jane Dixon (City planning consultant). At the end of the discussion these officials were asked about their shopping credentials at PFC. All of them shopped extensively at PFC;

Dixon mentioned that while she was a graduate student she didn't shop there because the prices were too high.

Even though PFC is the only grocery store in downtown Ann Arbor, many people do not shop there because of those high prices. Right now, they are far from accomplishing food justice and food accessibility.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic shocked the world into submission with its draconian lockdowns, mandatory mask wearing and social distancing reminders, there were already shopping and workplace changes happening. The

pandemic only accelerated the pace of these new trends, like working from home at least part of the time and, as they stated in the panel discussion, social spaces outside of business establishments (mostly restaurants, I assumed). A PFC downtown development plan taking these trends into consideration could create a vibrant social life and new type of prosperity. This would make food tap into a different view of what makes for prosperity (that is, outside of the Gross National Product mindset) and possibly even bring down prices if it generated enough business of a social nature.

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U-M Tarihr Coalition joins nationwide student movement for university divestment from Israel

There are tents on the Diag, but they are not occupied by people experiencing homelessness. The encampment is the “Popular University for Gaza at U-M,” and is composed of University of Michigan students, faculty, staff and community supporters of university divestment from Israel.

On Monday, April 22, at 6 a.m., over 60 student members of the Tahrir Coalition joined the national call from Students for Justice in Palestine to “occupy college campuses and demand that their institutions end their complicity in the ongoing genocide in Palestine.”

This Diag occupation began four days after Students for Justice in Palestine at Columbia University began occupation of the East Butler Lawn in New York City, escalating this nationwide student-led movement for divestment from Israel. Hundreds of student activists at Columbia have been arrested or suspended, but the repression has only led to more and more support.

The U-M Tahrir Coalition was formed in November 2023 in response to Central Student Government ballot initiatives AR 13-025 and counter-initiative AR 13-026, calling on U-M to



LINDSAY CALKA
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condemn the state of Israel, and Hamas, respectively.

The coalition is composed of more than 80 U-M student organizations that are “united for the liberation of Palestine at the University of Michigan.” To join the coalition, an individual or organization affiliated with U-M must sign on to the following demands to the University of Michigan President Santo Ono and the Board of Regents:

“1. Divest from any and all companies that presently, or in the future, profit off of the human rights violations committed by Israel, and aid in the apartheid system maintained against Palestinians. 2. Conduct a

formal inquiry into anti-palestinian, anti-Arab, and islamophobic racism and harassment. 3. Support and reaffirm the faculty and staff members who are being vilified for their support of Palestine. 4. Release a formal statement that clearly defines the massacre in Gaza as a genocidal ethnic cleansing campaign led by Israel and aided by the United States.”

The encampment intends to occupy the Diag — disrupting business as usual — until they achieve divestment from Israel at the U-M. Dozens of other universities across the country are organizing similar direct actions, with near-identical demands.

What business does an academic institution have investing in another country, and what does “divest from Israel” really mean? The University of Michigan maintains an endowment of \$17.9 billion that is invested in multiple companies in order to grow funds. There are staff persons that manage everyday decisions about the endowment, but at the end of the day, the University President and the state-wide-elected Board of Regents make the final call about where funds are allocated. “Divestment from Israel” is

a condensed phrase that draws the connections between large multinational companies that receive investments from the endowment that directly fund Israeli military activity in Gaza.

The University has over \$6 billion invested in funds that profit from Israeli companies or military contractors. This includes Hewlett-Packard, which supplies the electronic identification systems used to immobilize Palestinians at Israeli military checkpoints; Lockheed Martin, which has supplied Israel with billions of dollars worth of military equipment and training since 2001; and the Boeing Company, which expedited delivery of 1,000 bombs to aid Israeli airstrikes on Gaza. Other investments include drone manufacturer Skydio, military contractors Cobham and Ultra Electronics, Israeli spyware firm Oosto, and Israeli prisoner surveillance company Attenti.

In a public letter, the Tahrir Coalition stated, “As long as U-M invests in these companies, we are paying tuition to a university that profits from apartheid,

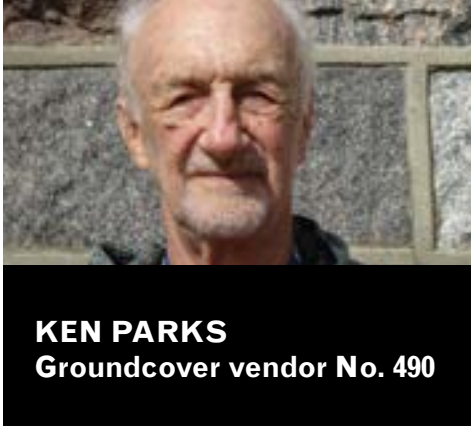
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Who's in charge?

If you have been on a picket line or march for peace and justice, you likely heard the police asking, “Who’s in charge?” The usual response is “Everybody” or “No one.” I think a better response would be, “I am in charge of what I do, are you in charge of what you do, or do you have orders?”

Chain of command thinking begins early. Two-year-olds have learned the word “NO” and use it often enough to have a reputation ... THE TERRIBLE TWOS. As adults we are more likely to hear, “You can’t do that here.” Your assembly may be declared illegal or more commonly, “You can’t sleep here!” Camping on the commons, on any unused land, is usually a big “NO!” You can discreetly disappear into the bush but if you are discovered, you may lose all your possessions and be issued a ticket to appear in court where you will be fined and/or jailed.

The hypocrisy of property rights becomes obvious as your body becomes the property of the state. We have yet to abolish slavery in prisons. Those who have eyes to see and a



KEN PARKS
Groundcover vendor No. 490

heart that feels will be inspired to continue the struggle for freedom. “An injury to one is an injury to all” is a quote on the letterhead of some unions. It is a poignant expression of universal truth. Hillsdale College talks of transcendental truth and the constitution as if it is the domain of conservatives. We need some deep debate here. Nial Ferguson presents the conservative view in his “Treason of the Intellectuals.” As the Rev. James K. Parks said, “A little bit of truth is a dangerous thing.”

How to be in charge of your life

My 77 years of post-kindergarten graduate studies continue: life is an experiment, and I have discovered that I am a true son of Western civilization, that is Judaeo-Christian, Marxist and Einsteinian culture.

It was the Vietnamese, then the Tibetans, who helped me weave all those Western threads into a workable fabric. Some Western threads need critical reflection, in particular the Enlightenment ideology and its bourgeois expressions of capitalism and rocket science. Relativity and quantum theory stand on the shoulders of Isaac Newton just as Marx stands on the shoulders of Hegel. The conceptual world of thinking and how we understand reality is a dialectical process that requires exploration of whatever limits, obstacles or insights arise.

Rene Descartes, whose work became the Cartesian worldview, is author of the famous quote “I think, therefore I am.” This puts being in the context of thinking as understood by reason. The rational mind decides

what is real. Any experience outside compliance with this model is dismissed as “illusion.” What if the appearances of the material world are so complex and interrelated that they only make sense in the light of a holistic view, before thinking imposes its prejudice of being the judge? If you observe your mind you will see that “Who is the thinker and who is the observer?” is the question we all face.

Google gave me a wonderful essay on the difference between Descartes and Newton written by a philosophy student, Stephen Trochimchuk, actually a review of Thomas Kuhn’s “The Structure of Scientific Revolutions.” I got lost trying to follow Descartes, largely because I disagree with his assumptions, in particular dualism as best illustrated by the mind/body split which plagues us to this day. Descartes can only be understood by accepting his assumption that the world is a machine. Isaac Newton focused on the mechanics of the machine and gave us rocket science.

Are the thinker and observer aspects of one mind, or is this

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A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR MIGHT MUZE GAZA

Where is the pogrom here, we were the real survivors, the ghetto were at our backs, not this small GALILEE;

(WE DON’T COMPARE)

Night trains stole away, against moonless dark skies our ghost-like shadowy forms, toward BUCHENWALD

We were butchered in the heart, our children pierced in the streets, not this Delilah missile dropped on dusty sandled schoolboys at soccer:

(WE DON’T COMPARE)

THEN, a frenzied black-booted, dictator circled the terrified, barbed-wired the psyche in ovens, killed, and killed. not small fire pouring from Jehoavuh’s sky

(WE DON’T COMPARE)

We were skulls, bones, soulless skeletons, praying for our death, not the feeble wails of Galilee mothers, this:

(WE DON’T COMPARE)

Go down Moses, GO down there,

can you see the sea
is it red Moses
is it red Moses

IS

IT

RED.

Author’s note: I trust that this poem will be received in the spirit, conscience and humanity in which it was composed. There is no attempt to ostracize any part of our collective humanness. It is solely an artistic endeavor to speak about our oneness, with a view toward unification and the betterment of all peoples and races.



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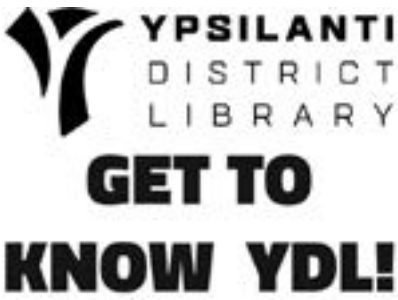


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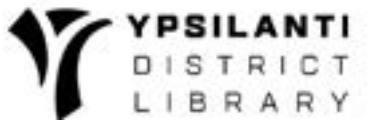
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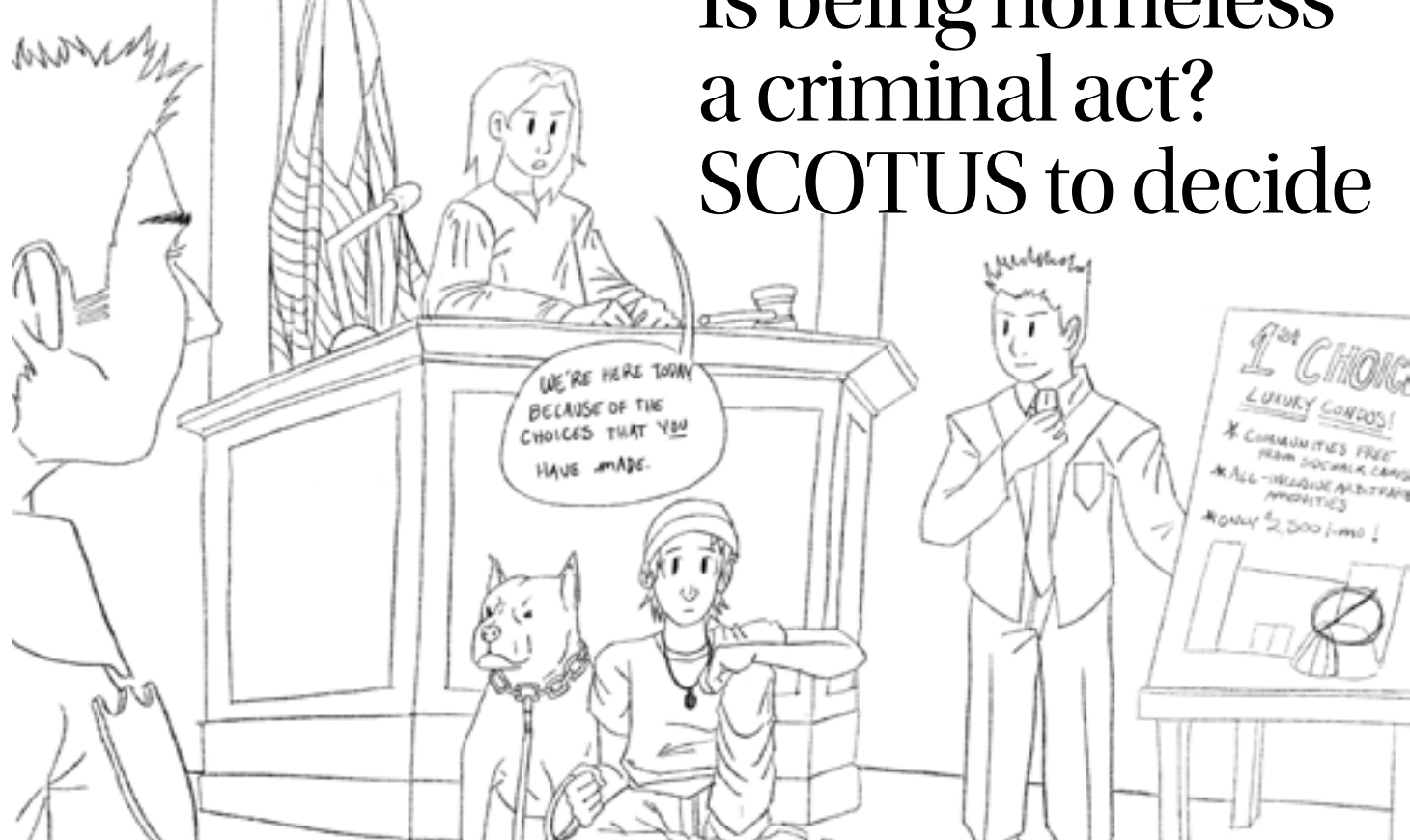
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Details at ypsilibrary.org/events.



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Is being homeless a criminal act? SCOTUS to decide

In Grants Pass, Ore., there is a conflict between the City Council and locals experiencing homelessness. The case *Johnson v. Grants Pass* began in 2018 with lower level courts and has escalated to become a U.S. Supreme Court case. The main argument is whether or not punishing people with fines and incarceration for sleeping outside violates the eighth amendment, which prohibits cruel or unusual punishment.

The plaintiffs Gloria Johnson and John Logan are being represented by the Oregon Law Center. Both Johnson and Logan are residents of Grants Pass who lost their housing. They have been sleeping in their vehicles since and have been given many citations for sleeping in public. They are involuntarily homeless as are many of the 600 people who are currently experiencing homelessness in Grants Pass. The city has expensive housing and has no homeless shelter, so anyone who loses their housing may end up sleeping on the street but Grants Pass has made that illegal. There is absolutely no place for them to survive.

The Grants Pass City Council does not want homeless people to sleep in public parks. The ordinance makes outdoor camping a criminal offense punishable by a \$1,250 fine and up to 30 days in jail. The City Council president, Lily Morgan, said at a council meeting, "The point is to make it uncomfortable enough for them [the homeless] in our city so they will want to move on down the road."

On April 22, SCOTUS heard oral arguments for *Grants Pass v. Johnson*. "Grants Pass says civil and criminal punishments are necessary for enforcing laws banning homeless individuals from public spaces. Lawyers representing a class of homeless residents argue



JIM CLARK
Groundcover vendor No. 139

penalizing people who have nowhere else to go constitutes cruel and unusual punishment — a violation of the Eighth Amendment," Jeremiah Hayden reported in Portland, Ore. street newspaper "Street Roots."

An April 2023 press release by the National Low-Income Housing Coalition stated, "The court will soon decide whether localities that have failed to address the affordable housing and shelter needs of their community can issue fines or arrest people experiencing homelessness for sleeping outside even when there is no adequate housing or shelter."

An amicus brief is a court document submitted by someone not directly involved in a legal case; it provides information, expertise, or insight relevant to the case. These briefs aim to inform the court about the consequences of a ruling. One entity that submitted an amicus brief in the case was the National Low-Income Housing Coalition, "dedicated to achieving racially and socially equitable public policy that ensures people with the lowest incomes have quality homes that are accessible and affordable in communities of their choice." The NLIHC brief argued that "criminalization fails

to address root causes of homelessness and only exacerbates the crisis."

Another advocate for the homeless in *Grants Pass* is The National Homelessness Law Center, a team of human rights attorneys and advocates fighting to solve homelessness by challenging criminalization and protecting the rights of homeless people across the United States.

The National Homeless Law Center recently entered the arena by delivering "over 42 friend of the court briefs in the landmark case. These [amicus] briefs reflect support from more than 1,100 groups and public figures who join us in calling for protection under the U.S. Constitution of the rights of over 260,000 Americans who sleep outside every night," stated a newsletter from Jesse Rabinowitz, Campaign & Communications Director.

During the two hour hearing on Monday, April 22, the justices made these comments:

"How do we draw these difficult lines as to whether the Eighth Amendment would prohibit a municipality from punishing other acts like public urination if there are no facilities available or trespassing," asked Justice Amy Coney Barrett.

"Many people have mentioned this is a serious policy problem, and it's a policy problem because the solution of course is to build shelter, to provide shelter for those who are otherwise harmless," Justice John Roberts said. "But municipalities have competing priorities. What if there are lead pipes in the water? Which one do you prioritize?"

Justice Elena Kagan asked Deputy Solicitor General Edwin Kneedler, "Where is the line where the city can say our legitimate municipal interests can

come in and say as to that, [you can], but as to that, you can't do that?"

Kagan continued, "For a person who has no place to go, sleeping in public is kind of like breathing in public. Your statute says that a person cannot take himself and himself only and take a blanket and sleep some place without it being a crime. It just seems like you're criminalizing a status."

"If every city, every village, every town lacks compassion and passes a law identical to this? Where are they supposed to sleep?" asked Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson said it seems, "... both cruel and unusual to punish people for acts that constitute basic human needs. We're talking about sleeping. That is universal, that is a basic function."

One of the striking things about the case is that some of the judges don't believe they should weigh in on the matter at all. The arguments were already heard by a district court and the 9th circuit court who determined the unconstitutionality of the ordinances. In 2020, the district court in Medford ruled that the city's ordinances regulating homelessness were unconstitutional. Grants Pass appealed that decision to the 9th Circuit Court, based in San Francisco, which upheld it in a three-judge decision.

Arguments in favor of keeping the laws and ordinances come from the belief that state and local authorities are closer to the problem so have a better perspective on addressing it. Also, since the impact of homelessness and the solutions for it directly impact the community they are in, the local government should have the final say. Those who support the imposing of fines and penalties argue that these things are commonly used to address criminal activity and are not cruel or unusual.

The case also brought a discussion about "where to draw the line." For instance, is someone who lays out a blanket at night to watch the stars and ends up falling asleep guilty of camping in public? What if someone urinates in public because there are no public toilets? What is the difference between camping for survival and camping for recreation? Should they both be prohibited?

As of the time of publication, the decision is waiting to be made. If the Supreme Court upholds the 9th circuit court's decision, what will be the ramifications for people who are camping for survival? How would that impact Washtenaw County? If they decide to overturn the ruling, allowing municipalities to draft laws targeting the homeless, will Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and the rest of Washtenaw County adopt tougher laws and ordinances against their homeless citizens?

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genocide and mass ethnic cleansing"

According to an article published by the University Record on March 28, "The Board of Regents has announced it will not divest from companies linked to Israel, reaffirming its long-standing policy to shield the endowment from political pressures and base investment decisions on financial factors such as risk and return. 'The Board of Regents has heard multiple calls for divestment from our endowment of companies linked to Israel. We have listened carefully,' Regent Sarah Hubbard said at the board's March 28 meeting. 'We are not moving to make any divestment of any kind.'"

The Regents nor President Santa Ono have made a public statement since the beginning of the encampment, although a University spokesperson issued a statement to the Michigan Daily that it supports the right to peaceful protest.

Interviews from "It's Hot in Here with Silver Lining"

Students and community members have been giving updates and reports about the encampment through social media, messaging apps and freeform radio. WCBN DJ "Silver Lining" interviewed campers and played live

interviews over the radio during their show on April 24.

The first student they interviewed is Palestinian and has relatives who survived the 1948 Nakba. "There is a sense of urgency ... I am grateful for that ... we need to recenter ourselves and remember the reason we're out here... is for Gaza and for the people who are facing the worst of it."

"We get to use new tents that we set up with no threat of bombardment. While people are sleeping in makeshift tents, among the rubble, [with] multiple family members lost, missing and deceased ... We are definitely privileged ... we should be using that privilege any way we can to fight for them and to get the university to stop funding genocide."

They continued, "The University pushed us to this point. We didn't just wake up and decide 'Oh this is what we're gonna do.' We got to this point from the disruptive action policy proposal, where the University was trying to suppress student protestors through arrests of peaceful protest, refusal to meet with us, refusal to listen to what we have to say, ignoring it when we do say it."

"We're forcing the University to listen to our demands and listen to what we have to say."

A sign flies above the camp reading "Liberated Zone." To another interviewee, this simply means that

participants "have control over what is happening [at the camp]."

This second camper said, "[The police] are aware this movement on campus is popular. They saw that when the [New York Police Department] arrested 150 students at Columbia, over 200 took their place. So, we hope that the administration knows they can't successfully repress this movement ... If the university tries to repress this encampment, the community will come out and will respond ... What it will look like in the next few days, no one knows. We fully intend to grow; we anticipate having a lot of community support. We're only growing stronger."

"It's Hot in Here with Silver Lining" airs on WCBN (88.3 FM-Ann Arbor) Wednesdays at 2 p.m. You can also listen to the archived show on Spotify by searching "It's Hot in Here with Silver Lining."

Legacy of student movements for divestment

In the spring of 1977 the U-M Southern African Liberation Committee and the African Students' Association began a campaign for divestment from South African apartheid. Through similar actions led by student organizers — protests at Regents meetings, campus pickets, building a "shanty"

on the Diag and occupying it 24/7 — divestment from South Africa was achieved. On April 14, 1983 the Board of Regents passed a historic "90% Resolution" that directed administration to divest "from all American corporations with operations in South Africa except for those with notable economic presence in Michigan."

Before that, from 1965-1972, the anti-Vietnam War movement led by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and Students for a Democratic Society organized anti-war actions that disrupted the university's involvement in the Vietnam War. Notably, the U-M Central Student Government originated from these student protests.

A detailed history of these student movements can be found at michigan-intheworld.history.lsa.umich.edu/antiapartheid/

The Tahrir Coalition carries this torch. Activities at the Popular University for Gaza at U-M include rallies, teach-ins, movies, art builds, Passover ceremonies, traditional prayers and more — and are led and attended by the many, increasing encampment participants. Amidst it all, you can still find students working on finals and end-of-semester assignments.

At the time of publication, the encampment stands: alive, well and growing.

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dualism permanent? We can only resolve this dilemma by choosing the assumption that speaks to us and living it out. We tend toward dualism or holism based on our current understanding and stay with it because it works or change it because it is not working.

Mindfulness training usually begins with mindfulness of the breath. Mindfulness can be used with all the senses and go from tranquility to insight meditation. A teacher will help you navigate the stages of the path and master them a step at a time. We are fortunate to have Khenpo Choephel at the Karuna Buddhist Center, located in Bethlehem United Church of Christ. Khenpo is an honorific for those who have taken Dharma vows and mastered years of study and practice.

Dharma is a Sanskrit word meaning reality, particularly the sacred reality that is full and complete enlightenment, that is awakening to the buddha nature inherent in all sentient beings. Ignorance, with its many habitual patterns, becomes an addiction to illusion. Splitting reality into its constituent parts in search of something substantial becomes an obsession. Dualism becomes a habit as we look for the missing part.

The most common dualism is self

and other. This egocentric view is powerful and promotes a very competitive lifestyle. It makes some people rich and powerful. Wealth is a social marker of success in bourgeois society. The disparities in wealth and the destruction of nature by wealth extraction has brought us to the point where we must look at our assumptions and choose what works best. You may be a bit crazy as you leave bourgeois compliance culture and embrace the struggle for something more authentic. This choice is becoming more popular during my lifetime. Many aspire to a more cooperative and compassionate life and are beginning the shift.

We are in a period when there is a growing sense that something is wrong, that our lives are out of control. We are not able to stop the war machine and its declared purpose of full spectrum domination which may lose one war after the other but continues vigorously in the financial and ideological fronts. These two fronts continue into space as the colonization of Mars is the next step towards the sole superpower of the universe which will storm the gates of heaven in its quest for dominance.

"The Great Taking" by David Rogers Webb and "The Trading Game" by Gary Stephenson clarify our current situation of centralization of power. Lynette Zang is important in this

analysis and I believe summarizes a growing collective view that the only solution to our growing crisis is to build community. We can start by growing our own food in community. Willow Run Acres and the Argus Farm Stop ethic that "The Future Is Local" will thrive when we come together as human beings who are children of the earth. Remember "The Earth Is My Witness" in the March 8, 2024 edition of Groundcover News.

Our relationship to Earth Day and annarborcommunitycommons.org is an excellent opportunity to focus on a felt sense of the body and accept the wisdom of the body as the best advisor on the proper direction for the

next step and inspire us to step onto and stay on Freedom Road. May Day celebrates the solidarity that keeps us together. May 27 is Memorial Day. Veterans For Peace celebrates this day with the Arlington Midwest display of crosses all day at Grand Circus Park in Detroit. It's a collaboration of southwest Michigan veterans. They need a truck to move the many crosses in the display.

I will use mindfulness of the breath as a step to mindfulness of the body — and eventually mindfulness of the mind as we mature on the stages of the path. The completion stage awaits us as our ego dissolves into the all good expanse of primordial purity.

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Either Way
by Tracy Bennett and Victor Fleming

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ACROSS

- 1 "Getting closer," in a guessing game
- 5 Soy-based broth
- 9 Inflict serious injury on
- 13 Vicinity
- 14 Take in or take on
- 16 Defeat, barely
- 17 "Mean Girls" song about being "hot" in silly Halloween costumes
- 18 Follower of an Afro-Jamaican religion
- 19 ___ as dishwater
- 20 Rubber duckie locale
- 22 It's cast at the polls
- 24 Start of a humorous quip about decision-making
- 28 "Yes, captain!"
- 29 Like thick fog, figuratively
- 30 Fang output
- 31 Deliver, as a pitch
- 32 Loafer or flip-flop
- 36 Abbr. after a comma
- 37 Part 2 of the quip
- 40 DuVernay who directed "Selma"
- 41 Actress Seehorn or Perlman
- 43 Cuts off, as branches
- 44 Toddler's booboos
- 46 "Another Saturday Night" singer Sam
- 48 ___ in motion (gracefulness)
- 49 End of the quip
- 52 Caught in a downpour, perhaps
- 53 Peril
- 54 "Beloved" author Morrison
- 55 Encourage persistently
- 58 Caught in a drizzle, perhaps
- 62 British prep school of note
- 63 Coffee break snack
- 64 Some are golden
- 65 19th-century Democrat opponent
- 66 "No ifs, ands or ___"
- 67 Baseball great Berra known for humorous quips like the one in this puzzle

DOWN

- 1 Existed
- 2 "Butterflies ___ Free" (1972 romcom)
- 3 Latin word for "king"
- 4 "It's possible"
- 5 Joan of Arc, for one
- 6 Pocatello's state
- 7 Distress signal
- 8 Get off the fence, say
- 9 Relatives of "mashups," in music
- 10 Former minor
- 11 Domed home
- 12 Become liquid
- 15 Side order at Haifa Falafel
- 21 Jungian principle
- 23 Band's sound booster
- 24 "Christina's World" artist Andrew
- 25 "It follows that ..."
- 26 Illegally seized
- 27 Party poppers
- 28 Declare
- 31 Pipe type
- 33 Port-au-Prince's land
- 34 Conspicuous
- 35 "No sweat"
- 38 Deluged
- 39 Alcoves
- 42 Loser to a pair of deuces
- 45 Timeslot for many soaps and talk shows
- 47 Assayer's material
- 48 Art supplies
- 49 Fang
- 50 Capital northeast of Bangkok
- 51 Fish in the Au Sable
- 52 All-in-one meal
- 56 Uncertain amount
- 57 African antelope
- 59 In times past
- 60 Oldest daughter in "Little Women"
- 61 Tire gauge reading: Abbr.

Chicken fajitas

KAYLIE KARSCH
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Ingredients:

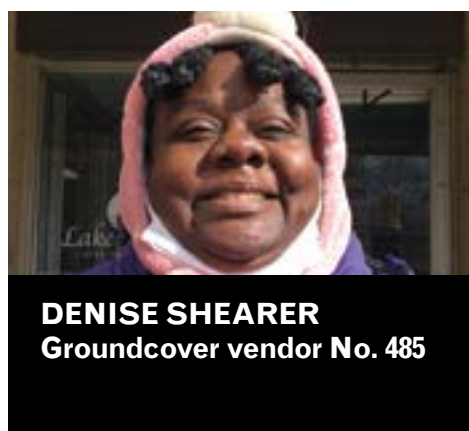
¼ cup lime juice
½ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
¼ cup (+1 tablespoons) neutral oil
2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 lb boneless chicken breast
2 large bell peppers
1 large yellow onion
Tortillas
Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

In a large bowl, whisk together lime juice, red pepper flakes, ¼ of oil, and 1 teaspoon of cumin. Add salt and pepper seasoned chicken into bowl, cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. While marinating, chop vegetables and remove bell pepper seeds. When the chicken is finished, add the



remaining teaspoon of oil to a saucepan on medium heat, cooking until golden brown and fully cooked through, around 8 minutes per side). Remove from heat, let rest, then slice into strips. In the same saucepan, add bell peppers, onion, remaining cumin, and salt and pepper, sauteing until soft (around 7 minutes). Combine chicken and mix. Take off the heat and serve with tortillas.



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